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Dear Ron,

When I delivered the ms of the addition to COUP D'ETAT, you had no time to read it because you had to give it to Baron. Billie tells me he still has it. You have hardly had time to read the xeroxed copy, if you've returned. So I'm writing to let you know this work has additional pertinente in light of the new Chicago murders.

All of this is forecast in what may have seemed as digression, as part of the assault on any popular leadership, and as part of national policy. The leadership of the FBI in the elimination of the Black Panthers, beginning with their first illegal raid on Chicago headquarters, is in the book.

So, I'm a frustrated prophet, too.

Enclosed is a carbon of a letter to Stanton of CBS proposing a "special" in what may today be a safe formula, comparing Knew and the Department of Justice with their record, and on this subject.

I hope others will belatedly agree with me, that the elimination of the militants would not have been attempted without King's elimination. In this connection, I believe you also represent Ralph Abernathy. He just does not respond when I write him. I'd like very much to have a tape of King's last speech. I understand it goes much further than Abernathy's representation in LOOK.

A friend spoke to Robert Luce (with which Luce no longer has any connection). A man named Bins (or Binz) phoned me and is to come up here next week. He says they are interested. They once had CI connections. I do not know if these have ended.

There is now nothing to prevent our filing this suit immediately. However, I shall hold off, hoping to be able to sell something exclusive to a net or a magazine. If you think you cannot or if you do not have time for the effort, please let me know, for men are being murdered and there is no effective fight against it. Of that my book and my suit can be part, as you know I want to be. I'm immodest enough to believe if I'd been able to get this published and achieve some attention for it, at least some of the victims might still be alive and the process slowed.

I still fear the apparent impossibility of private publication is the only area of hope, if only someone can turn on and help.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg